

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **HB 3291**

March 30, 2006

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the State Board of Education to develop guidelines and criteria for the inclusion of foreign language instruction in grades K-6.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**

**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – \$40,000 Recurring/Per Program/Permissive  
\$ 1,400 One-Time/Per Program/Permissive**

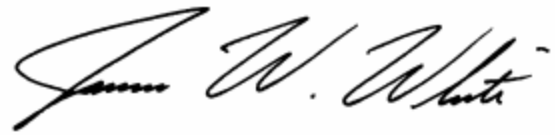
#### Assumptions:

- Any cost to the State Board of Education and the Department of Education to develop such guidelines and criteria would be not significant and can be handled within existing budgeted resources.
- Foreign language instruction would be at the discretion of the LEA; therefore, the above estimate indicates the cost for each program that is established.
- Foreign language instruction would be offered to students at least twice a week.
- An adequate program would require a minimum of one full-time foreign language teacher, trained and endorsed, per every three (3) elementary schools.
- An estimated salary plus benefits of \$40,000 per teacher.
- Each program would need start-up materials and supplies (lesson boxes, tapes, books in the target language, and videos) at an estimated one-time cost of approximately \$1,400.
- The cost of one program (one teacher per three schools) is estimated to be approximately \$41,400.
- There are approximately 1,100 elementary schools in Tennessee.
- To require every K-6 school to offer foreign language instruction, the increase in local government expenditures is estimated to exceed \$15,000,000. (1,100 schools/3 schools for a program = 367 programs required statewide x \$41,400 = \$15,193,800)

- Foreign language is offered in grades 9-12 as an elective for students in the technology track. For students in the university track, two credits of a foreign language are required for college admission.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director